



DEDHAM

Therapy Farm

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Asdan Short Course

What is ASDAN?

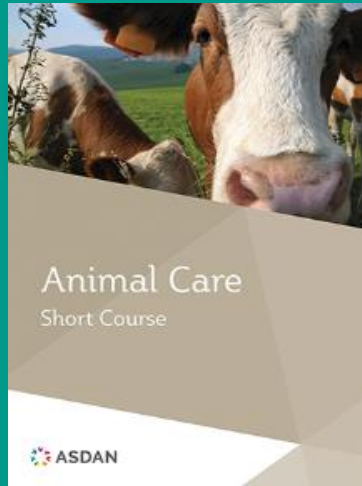
- ASDAN is an education charity and awarding organisation providing courses to engage, elevate and empower learners with diverse needs.

“We know the development of personal, social and work-related abilities is vital for learners of all abilities because:”

- strengthening these abilities supports academic and vocational learning
- they are particularly effective in re-engaging learners in greatest need
- they are important for accessing knowledge and skills at work
- they are especially important for entry level work
- they equip learners to live well and make full use of their abilities



What We Offer



Short Courses



Lifeskills Challenge



Short Course – Animal Care

- **Short courses are flexible, portfolio – based programmes provided across 10 – 60 hours.**
- **We will follow the ASDAN curriculum which is flexible. There will be a mix of practical and more structured activities.**
- **Tutors will tailor sessions to support young people to meet the requirements of the course.**
- **Learning opportunities will include various tasks including health checks, animal handling, husbandry tasks, conservation, understanding animals and their needs.**

Important info

We run short courses in line with Essex County term dates.

Sessions are 1 or 2 hours long on a weekly basis.

This can be in a group or with 1:1 support.

Credits can be used towards further Asdan courses and qualifications.

Cost

1:1 support - £76.60 per hour

Group - £36.10 per hour.

Animal Care Course Tutors



Hayley



Savanna



What To Expect

Initial Visit

- Young person attends an initial visit to meet our tutors, animals and see our setting
- The tutor will gather information about you to ensure they understand what you need to succeed in the group and to ascertain group suitability, to ensure the group is the right fit for you.
- Short course offer will be sent to you after your visit.

Sessions

- Young person attends weekly sessions
- We will provide support to help you to achieve the full 6 credits. You will receive termly progress updates.
- You can record your progress online or in a hardcover portfolio.
- Staff will use a therapeutic approach to ensure maximum engagement and a supportive environment.

Completion

- At the end of term 3 we will provide you with your certificate if the young person has completed all of the challenges in each module.
- Tutors will plan an end of course activity!



FAQs for Short Courses

Q) Do I need to commit to the full 60 hours?

- a) No, but you do need to commit to 1 term (20 hours)

Q) What are the payment terms

- a) You can pay the full balance or in termly installments, in advance.

Q) Will there be opportunity to be hands on with the animals?

- a) Yes, there will be plenty of opportunity to be hands on various animals on the farm.

Q) What do the credits mean?

- a) Credits can be used towards other Asdan qualifications and courses. Asdan credits relate to hours completed. 1 credit = 10 hours and so on.

Q) How will my young persons needs be supported?

- a) Our tutors have experience in working with various needs. As an occupational therapy led service, we strive to ensure activities are graded to ensure sessions are achievable, enable young people to participate and feel they are making progress towards their goals!

Q) My child/young person has high levels of anxiety I am worried they will not attend.

- a) We also run therapeutic sessions. If you are concerned, they may not attend due to anxiety we would advise you make a referral for our therapeutic intervention first. They can build confidence during these sessions and then we can work towards them completing an ASDAN short course with us in the future!

Q) How do I sign up?

- a) You can email us at hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk and register your interest for ASDAN short courses. Or if you already attend for animal assisted intervention you can ask your current staff member to register your interest for you.

Lifeskills challenges

- **Lifeskills challenges are a bank of online challenges for young people allowing a personalised curriculum chosen by them.**
- **With over 3000 unlimited challenges covering 12 different subject areas and 8 vocational areas there is something for all young people.**
- **Tutors will tailor sessions to support young people to complete the challenges they have chosen**
- **Learning opportunities will include various practical tasks relating to each challenge including animal handling, husbandry tasks, science, emotional literacy and bushcraft**

Important info

We run Lifeskills challenges in line with Essex County term dates.

Sessions are 1 or 2 hours long on a weekly basis.

This can be in a group or with 1:1 support.

These can be run within current 1:1 therapeutic sessions with your usual therapeutic session fee and are delivered by all our staff

Cost

Upon agreeing to complete Lifeskills challenges there is a one-off onboarding fee -

£25 per farm assistant

To extend for another year the fee is -

£15 per farm assistant



FAQs for Lifeskills challenges

Q) Do I need to complete a certain number of challenges?

- a) No, you can complete as many or as few as you'd like.

Q) What are the payment terms

- a) There is a one-off onboarding fee per farm assistant with therapeutic session fees applying. You can pay the full session balance or in termly installments, in advance.

Q) Will there be opportunity to be hands on with the animals?

- a) Yes, there will be plenty of opportunity to be hands on various animals on the farm.

Q) Is this just animal related?

- a) No, there are 12 different subject areas with challenges including animals, emotional literacy, science, art and nature.

Q) How will my young persons needs be supported?

- a) Our tutors have experience in working with various needs. As an occupational therapy led service, we strive to ensure activities are graded to ensure sessions are achievable, enable young people to participate and feel they are making progress towards their goals!

Q) My child/young person has high levels of anxiety I am worried they will not attend.

- a) Lifeskills challenges will be run within therapeutic sessions. They can build confidence during these sessions and then we can work towards them completing Lifeskills challenges with us in the future!

Q) How do I sign up?

- a) You can email us at hello@dedhamtherapyfarm.org.uk and register your interest for ASDAN Lifeskills challenge. Or if you already attend for animal assisted intervention you can ask your current staff member to register your interest for you.

